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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE TOWN OF

# BRENTWOOD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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## SELECTMENS' REPORT,

For the year ending March 1, 1883.

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Selectmen to Town of Brentwood,	Dr.
Received from State Treasurer, railroad tax,	\$38 71
“ “ “ savings bank tax,	403 21
“ “ “ literary fund,	68 08
Received from County of Rockingham, for board of Mary Campbell,	4 50
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	\$514 50

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Selectmen to Town of Brentwood,	Cr.
Paid Town Treasurer,	\$514 50

JOHN W. DUDLEY, } Selectmen  
HERMAN W. VEAZEY, } of  
NAHUM A. SWAIN, } Brentwood,

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Treasurer to Town of Brentwood,	DR.
Received from the Treasurer of 1881,	\$529 41
"    Selectmen,	514 50
"    Otis Bartlett, collector for 1881,	434 63
"    Orin Sanborn, collector for 1882,	2,457 00
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Treasurer to Town of Brentwood,	CR.
Paid Public taxes,	\$1691 02
Support of schools,	970 51
"    poor,	110 90
Roads and Bridges,	76 22
Miscellaneous expenses,	716 15
Town officers,	136 25
Abatements,	58 60
Balance cash on hand,	175 89
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JOSEPH R. ROWE, Treasurer.



## Expenditures in Detail.

### PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid State tax,	\$748 00
County tax,	943 02
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	\$1691 02

### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid District, No. 1,	\$277 46
"    "    2,	170 59
"    "    3,	184 85
"    "    4,	115 27
"    "    5,	19 34
A. J. York, District No. 4, Fremont,	3 00
Schoolhouse tax, District No. 4,	200 00
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	\$970 51

### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Emma H. Sinclair, for support of	
Hollis Sinclair,	\$40 00
A. Churchill, for clothing furnished	
Walter Morse,	10 00
D. O. Waldron, for boots furnished	
Walter Morse,	2 50
John W. Smith, for boarding Walter	
Morse, 51 weeks,	51 00
John W. Smith, for shoes and hat	
for Walter Morse,	1 75
State Industrial School, for boarding	
Mary Campbell,	4 50
N. A. Swain, lodging, &c., furnished	
tramp,	1 15
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	\$110 90

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Orin Swain, use of watering trough, two years,	\$6 00
R. H. Fellows, 1920 feet bridge plank,	30 72
Daniel Smith, for bridge railing, 419 feet plank, labor, etc.,	18 13
J. W. Robinson, 459 feet bridge plank,	6 42
J. H. Taylor, use of watering trough,	3 00
W. H. Veasey, 16 hours breaking road,	2 50
W. M. Veasey, 7 hours breaking road,	1 05
G. W. Bryant, 30 loads gravel,	2 40
J. E. G. Lyford, use of watering trough,	3 00
W. S. Meserve, use of watering trough, two years,	3 00

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 \$76 22

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid W. I. Rhodes, sheep bill,	\$12 00
Wingate & Shaw, printing town reports,	12 00
Interest on notes,	53 00
Wingate & Shaw, printing orders,	1 50
Geo. E. Lane & Co., for blank book,	4 00
D. J. Kendall, note and interest,	305 00
Burnham & Spalding, returning births and deaths,	7 50
Dr. M. W. Caverly, returning births and deaths,	3 75
C. L. Fifield, services with hearse for for the year ending Feb. 10, 1883,	13 00
Mitchell & Hoyt, printing check-lists,	4 00



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Paid B. F. Robinson, 2 trips with hearse,	\$2 50
"    "    care of town hall,	3 00
Bounties on crows,	10 20
J. W. Dudley, assessors' scales,	2 00
G. R. Rowe, recording births and deaths,	6 50
G. R. Rowe, recording births and deaths at County farm,	7 00
G. R. Rowe, recording marriages,	1 05
Thompson & Batchelder, for books and stationery,	3 02
Marston & Eastman, legal advice, 1879,	2 00
"    "    1880,	3 00
"    "    1883,	4 00
David Jewell, note and interest,	207 30
Non-resident taxes worked out,	48 83

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\$716 15

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. G. Flanders, services as Supervisor,	\$10 00
J. B. T. Graves, services as Supervisor,	10 00
Robert Rowe, services as Supervisor,	6 67
J. H. Rowe, " "	3 33
J. W. Dudley, services as Selectman,	25 00
H. W. Veasey, " "	20 00
N. A. Swain, " "	15 00
J. R. Rowe, services as Treasurer,	12 00
G. R. Rowe, " Town Clerk,	16 00
George Ober, services as S. S. Committee,	18 25

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\$136 25

## ABATEMENTS:

Paid Samuel Button,	1879,	\$1 50
J. E. Williams,	"	1 24
H. B. Cotton,	1880,	97
George Stevens,	"	97
J. E. Williams,	"	1 29
D. B. Gilman,	"	18
G. W. Wentworth,	"	21 96
J. A. Blake,	1881,	99
J. Coolidge,	"	1 37
L. A. Cotton,	"	1 67
Ed. Damsell,	"	94
D. B. Gilman,	"	1 17
W. B. Jenness,	"	94
S. Leavitt,	"	4 33
E. D. Lyford,	"	99
W. Mattox,	"	94
C. G. Robinson,	"	1 66
J. Rowell,	"	99
O. H. Skeels,	"	99
E. W. Spear,	"	1 37
J. E. Williams,	"	1 14
R. A. Wood,	"	99
C. Watson,	"	1 94
Heirs of J. Mace,	"	16
H. B. Cotton,	"	94
J. W. Badger,	1883,	82
C. Clay,	"	82
B. Hill,	"	82
E. Spear,	"	82
M. Cragin,	"	82
A. Tuttle,	"	82
G. C. Webster,	"	1 23
E. F. Woodman,	"	82

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 \$58 60

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 AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, chosen to examine the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, find them as exhibited to us, correct.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer, \$175.89.

Due from Otis Bartlett, Collector for 1881, \$139.12.

Due from Orin Sanborn, Collector for 1882, \$241.65.

WILLIAM MORRILL, }  
JAMES H. ROWE, } Auditors.

Brentwood, Feb. 28, 1883.

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 STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

Whole amount of outstanding notes against the town including inter- est to March 1st, 1883,	\$850 00	
Unsettled claims against the town,	79 00	
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		\$929 00
From which deduct cash on hand,	\$175 89	
Due from State for bounties,	15 00	
" Otis Bartlett, Collector,	137 12	
" Orin Sanborn, Collector,	241 65	
Estimated amount of interest due from Collector Bartlett,	20 00	
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		589 66
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Leaving a balance against the town of		\$339 34



## Annual Report of School Committee.

The educational interests of Brentwood have received the attention the law requires. Public spirit and personal interest sustain. Though there is room for improvement we are confident and happy to say that the schools are at the close of the year generally in advance in numbers, discipline, and progress in studies pursued. Much credit is due the prompt, faithful co-operation of committees in obtaining teachers of ability and experience and promptly making changes when success otherwise seemed uncertain. While we aim to have every pupil receive a just measure of attention, and advantage of all expense incurred in support of good schools, the *Roll of Honor* shows who have had the best opportunity to enjoy to the utmost such benefits. Perhaps a brief *roll of dishonor* would also show who have without sufficient excuse partially, or wholly, failed to improve every facility for learning which we have provided.

The establishment of better schools in towns around us should stimulate us to make some additional provision in this direction, *especially for the relief of some schools* quite too large for good work. No one having authority would wish alone to make such changes as the circumstances *now* seem to us to demand, and which cannot with safety longer be postponed. We therefore suggest that the incoming board of School Committee be composed of no less than three persons, to whom all matters pertaining to the management of school affairs be committed, and that an additional sum, not exceeding two hundred dollars, be appropriated to provide for any changes which they may think necessary. At considerable expense and inconvenience, some needing further instruction have availed themselves of private instruction or gone away to other schools. We need at once to make some provision for the better instruction of the advanced scholars from all the schools, in a class by themselves, in a class room somewhere conveniently accessible to

all. The remaining classes will make better progress (perhaps at less expense for instruction) than they can now make in the larger schools.

A better supply of charts and helps is needed. No change of text-books has been made or thought to be necessary. We think all the schools can combine to employ some one to give instruction in music in all the schools, and would so advise.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

##### CRAWLEYS FALLS' SCHOOL.

This school has been hindered by frequent changes of teachers. Mr. Charles W. Eastman, of South Hampton, began the first term under the unfavorable impression that because of previous laxity of discipline, stern, rigorous management was of the first necessity. This principle soon developed a great want of sympathy, love and co-operation, not to say unwholesome fear, showing itself in indifference of parents and absences. We have great respect for Mr. Eastman's talents, and no sympathy with any charges of cruelty and abusiveness. The pupils that did not need or justly fear severe punishment but held to their work, made good progress. Another change of teachers gave us Miss Emma L. Colby, of Derry. It was no fault of her knowledge, amiability or lack of industry and devotion in this school, that she did not succeed so well as we wished, especially in order and discipline, but simply from lack of experience with so large, varied and trying position. Hers was the largest number of scholars—more than the average of the Grammar schools of Boston, and her experience, as of other good and faithful teachers, is proof again of the difficulty of obtaining teachers of *extraordinary qualifications* for schools, under the present system. Few teachers will risk their reputation in the attempt to do justice to every scholar, study and recitation to the satisfaction of all concerned, and also maintain such order as we must have to succeed at all. We appreciate Miss Colby's work so

much that we urge that her services, if possible, be engaged for some other school.

Another change was ordered, which fortunately gave us Mr. Jewett P. Swasey, of Exeter, a teacher of large experience both East and West, with all sorts of public school conditions; and from the time he entered the schoolroom, Crawleys Falls' school has been *an institution of learning* indeed. Discipline, firm, kind, inspiring. Order, splendid—every movement with almost military precision. Recitations, prompt, clear, exhaustive. The scholars reviewed and rebuilt upon better foundations, and presented continually every element of a model school. It has cost more, but it has been the cheapest school—given us more for the money than any other school. The examination before many spectators was simply delightful. The written examinations so satisfactory, the return of the test questions with so large a per cent. of correct answers, was more significant than granting diplomas. We have no question, and therefore no hesitation, in saying that for such a teacher to take both the Crawleys and the Marshall school alternately, days or weeks or terms, would be a far better way of securing just what we need in this class of schools than by any other method we can possibly adopt. And why cannot this principle be applicable to other schools also? We feel compelled to urge this to save frittering away precious time, money and labor in doubtful experiments with such as we must take and get along with. The writing, grammar, miscellaneous exercises, in fact, if we particularize, we should mention everything, as having had the most faithful attention. The pupils at the close no doubt felt glad of the relief from such high pressure, but their success was their greater joy.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

##### NORTH SCHOOL.

Mrs. C. T. Thyng, of Kingston, after years of absence, has again returned to this, her former field of labor and suc-



cess. Her skill and kindness and fidelity, always highly appreciated, have been faithfully shown during the year, to the great delight and benefit of all concerned. There was less of enthusiasm and promptness in the closing recitations than we like to see. The scholars have been orderly, industrious, and consequently have made most excellent progress. Some have certainly "grown in knowledge" in some special branches.

Here, as in some other schoolrooms, there is great need of charts and tables, more and better apparatus and helps.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

##### MARSHALL SCHOOL.

This school has had the most patient and unremitting labors of Miss Amanda A. Brown, a lady of successful experience in many other schools. While none but such tried teachers ought to attempt the discipline and instruction of these large ungraded country schools, even then the most satisfactory results cannot always be predicated. Under her care the school has made perceptible improvement in all studies. A lady of Miss Brown's experience must be qualified to judge, and her testimony is "that such a school is altogether too much of a burden for any female teacher to bear alone, with any justice to herself or the school." Almost every day something must be very imperfectly done or neglected altogether. Here, as at Crawleys, the services of the larger scholars have often been used to help through with the work; showing plainly the need of an assistant teacher or the division of the school if, even with tried teachers, we would realize the highest ideal of a good school. But such teachers are not partial to these large ungraded schools. They can and will find better positions. And we cannot afford to be changing, wasting time and means experimenting with such new and inexperienced teachers as may *want to keep school*. Only with fair reasonable schools can we expect to hold a worthy teacher year after year to this most important work we have among us for anyone to do, viz.:

instructing, stimulating and training the minds of our children. It is sad to think that for want of proper attention to particular cases, any will go out into the world only half fitted for the duties of good citizenship, as the public schools should fit every one. This responsibility rests upon the parents and the public as well as for a few hours a day upon your hard-working teachers. By giving a public entertainment this school has provided some needed standard works for the school-room.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

##### SOUTH SCHOOL.

This school, in charge of Miss Minnie B. Dudley, of Brentwood, has shown great gain in numbers, interest and every essential of a good school. With perfect, almost "red tape" discipline, the industrious scholars have made, under this young teacher's first experience, such progress as seemed only limited by their natural aptitude for acquiring knowledge in the various studies pursued.

Some blackboard exercises here have not been surpassed, and the reading showed marked improvement and general excellence. The brief terms here should be supplemented by much home instruction and encouragement if we would not lose valuable ground already gained. A comparison of the few weeks of school here with the long terms elsewhere enjoyed shows too great a discrepancy to be compatible with justice or equal progress with other children of the town. A proper school system ought to give here as in many other states the same advantages to one child as to another, rich or poor.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

##### COUNTY FARM SCHOOL.

This has, to our great satisfaction and delight, been under the patient, fostering care of Miss Anabel S. Tucker another year. Continually subject to changes, and composed of children of all ages and all condition of *minds* and at all

stages of progress, each one must almost constitute a class by itself. Under the most difficult circumstances excellent work has been done, highly gratifying to all interested and to the scores of people who visit the institution.

### ROLL OF HONOR.

Fifty-nine scholars neither tardy nor absent for one or more terms ;

Bartlett, Cora . . . . .	1	Prescott, Ethel . . . . .	2
Bean, Oren N. . . . .	2	Quinn, Clarence . . . . .	1
Bryant, George L. . . . .	1	Rowe, Annie . . . . .	2
Caverly, Mary O. . . . .	3	“ Lillian S. . . . .	1
“ Hattie . . . . .	3	“ John M., . . . . .	1
“ Nora A. . . . .	2	Rowell, Ford . . . . .	2
“ Cyrene . . . . .	2	“ Jacob . . . . .	2
“ Clifton . . . . .	1	“ Carrie A. . . . .	1
Cilley, Mary J. . . . .	1	Robinson, Sadie L. . . . .	1
Damsell, Almira . . . . .	1	“ Herbert L. . . . .	1
“ Hansa M. . . . .	1	Sanborn, Neva E. . . . .	1
“ Grace M. . . . .	1	Smith, Nellie G. . . . .	1
Dane, Carrie B. . . . .	2	“ Nellie M. . . . .	1
“ Cora F. . . . .	2	“ Grace M. . . . .	1
Dudley, Sadie L. . . . .	2	“ Josie . . . . .	1
French, Lillian M. . . . .	3	Stobart, Abbie . . . . .	1
Hook, Walter . . . . .	1	“ Sadie L. . . . .	1
“ Maria . . . . .	3	Stevens, Annie . . . . .	1
Hoyt, Jesse . . . . .	1	“ Mattie . . . . .	1
Hutchins, Mabel . . . . .	1	Stevenson, Elmira . . . . .	1
Johnson, James . . . . .	1	“ Mebzer . . . . .	1
Lyford, Edwin P. . . . .	2	Swasey, Cora H. . . . .	1
“ Ella G. . . . .	2	“ Mary R. . . . .	2
Marshall, Susie B. . . . .	1	Thomas, Emma L. . . . .	1
Meador, Charles . . . . .	1	Tuttle, G. T. W. . . . .	2
Ober, Julia . . . . .	1	Waldron, George F. . . . .	1
“ S. Ford . . . . .	1	“ Ruth . . . . .	1
Orne, Katie . . . . .	1	White, George W. . . . .	1
Prescott, Ida B. . . . .	3	“ Susie A. . . . .	1
“ Charles . . . . .	2		

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. OBER,  
Superintending School Committee.



STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

District No.....	Teachers.	Wages.....	Weeks.....	No. of Scholars.....	Average attendance.	Reading.....	Spelling.....	Writing.....	Arithmetic.....	Geography.....	Grammar.....	History .....	Composition.....	Book-keeping.....	Algebra.....	Physiology.....	Natural History.....
I...	Mr. C. W. Eastman.....	\$36.00	10	49	39	49	49	45	36	26	14	6	25	..	..	..	..
	Miss E. L. Colby.....	36.00	10	51	43	51	45	39	36	29	18	6	..	..	1	..	..
	Mr. J. P. Swazey.....	48.00	8	47	43	47	47	44	40	32	15	..	14	..	1	5	..
II..	Mrs. C. T. Thyng.....	\$26.50	9	29	22	29	29	6	19	15	11	2	2	..	2	..	2
	"	"	14	27	21	27	27	6	24	15	10	3	2	..	1	..	2
III..	Miss A. A. Brown.....	\$32.00	9	43	37	43	37	33	32	22	17	5	17	2	..	..	..
	"	"	5	48	42	48	39	36	39	24	15	4	10	2	..	..	..
	"	"	9	48	39	48	42	38	41	27	16	4	15	2	2	..	..
IV..	Miss M. B. Dudley.....	\$20.00	8	20	17	20	20	20	12	9	10	..	7	..	2	..	..
	"	22.00	11	16	14	16	16	14	10	10	6	..	6	..	..	..	..
V...	Miss A. S. Tucker.....	\$20.00	13	14	12	9	9	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Visits by Superintendent of Schools, 34; by others, 428.

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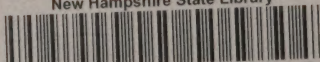
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